



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1118 without my signature.

This bill would, under specified conditions, exempt property owned by a tribe from the "deed restriction" requirement in the existing Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program.

California has world-leading clean energy policies and dozens of programs advancing the deployment of clean energy technologies. While I support efforts to improve existing programs to deliver their intended outcomes, the SOMAH program continues to be severely underutilized. The lack of interest in this program comes despite numerous modifications in recent years, including an increase in the solar photovoltaic project incentive levels and the expansion of program eligibility.

In addition, this program has diverted hundreds of millions of dollars of funding from electric customers that would otherwise be returned to customers as part of the California Climate Credit – a bill credit that provides cost relief for electric and gas customers throughout most of California.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

